

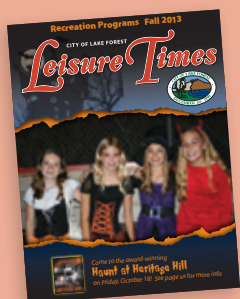
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Shop & Dine Lake Forest Week September 8 - September 15



Discover Lake Forest, Discover Great Deals!

Are you ready for some great deals, prizes, and family fun? We'll be kicking off our 3rd Annual Shop & Dine Lake Forest Week from September 8-15. Once again, the City has partnered with Lake Forest businesses to offer some of the best deals of the summer!

The fun starts on Sunday, September 8 with "The Adventure Begins" kick-off celebration at The Orchard Shopping Center on El Toro Road and Rockfield Boulevard, from noon to 3 p.m. There will be plenty of family activities, live entertainment and amazing raffle prizes. The fun continues on Sunday, September 15 with the 2nd Annual Taste of Lake Forest. From noon to 3 p.m., for \$7 a person, sample delicious cuisine from over 20 restaurants. The Taste event will be held at the Foothill Ranch Towne Centre Food Festival on Bake Parkway and Towne Centre Drive.

Look for your "Shop & Dine Lake Forest Week Coupon Booklet" in your mailbox in late August. Stamp your coupons each time you visit a participating restaurant or shop to redeem them for a raffle ticket at the Taste event. The more stamps you collect, the better your chances of winning! For more information, visit www.shopanddinelakeforest.com. Read more about our Shop and Dine community contests on page 4.



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CITY MANAGER'S



Message

The recent approval of the Fiscal Year 2013-14 budget marks another year of long-term consecutive balanced budgets. I am pleased to report that we continue to live within our means and maintain excellent financial health while delivering quality public projects and community programs. The City's conservative approach to fiscal matters helps us reduce costs while remaining focused on your priorities.

The continued financial stability of the City is a priority to the City Council and the community, particularly as we move forward with capital projects – most notably construction of the Sports Park and Recreation Center. If you occasionally drive by the Sports Park site near Portola Parkway and Rancho Parkway, you'll see the project start to take shape. In the coming months, there will be a lot of activity as Park West Landscaping continues construction of the facilities and amenities. To follow us every step of the way, like us at www.facebook.com/LFsportspark.

Another priority and commitment we proudly deliver on is public safety. This year, the City Council approved a \$12.7 million contract with the Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSA). The safety of our community has always been a top priority, and we will continue that commitment. Read more about Lake Forest crime statistics on page 3. Because of the partnership between the City, OCSA, and the community, Lake Forest enjoys low Part One crime rates for a city of its population size.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Dunek

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City Manager

2013 Leadership Academy



Where: Lake Forest City Hall
Community Room A
25550 Commercentre Drive

When: Wednesday evenings
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
September 18 through November 6, 2013
(8 sessions)

Fee: This in-depth seminar is FREE and includes dinner at the beginning of each session.

Who: We encourage applicants from all segments of the community to participate. The Leadership Academy class typically includes individuals with varied educational and cultural backgrounds, who live in Lake Forest and have an interest in learning about how the City operates and serving the community.

The City of Lake Forest faces many exciting opportunities and significant challenges in the years ahead. To enhance community input and involvement, the City hosts the Lake Forest Leadership Academy to prepare you to take part in shaping our community and keeping our city strong. The Academy is limited to 20 participants over the age of 18, and selected on a first come, first serve basis. To sign up, contact Stephanie Smith, City Clerk, at 461-3421 or at sdsmith@lakeforestca.gov, or stop by City Hall.

Upcoming City Council Meeting Dates

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month starting at 7:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, August 6
- Tuesday, August 20
- Tuesday, September 3
- Tuesday, September 17

Lake Forest Crime Rates Continue Downward Trend Over 19 Years

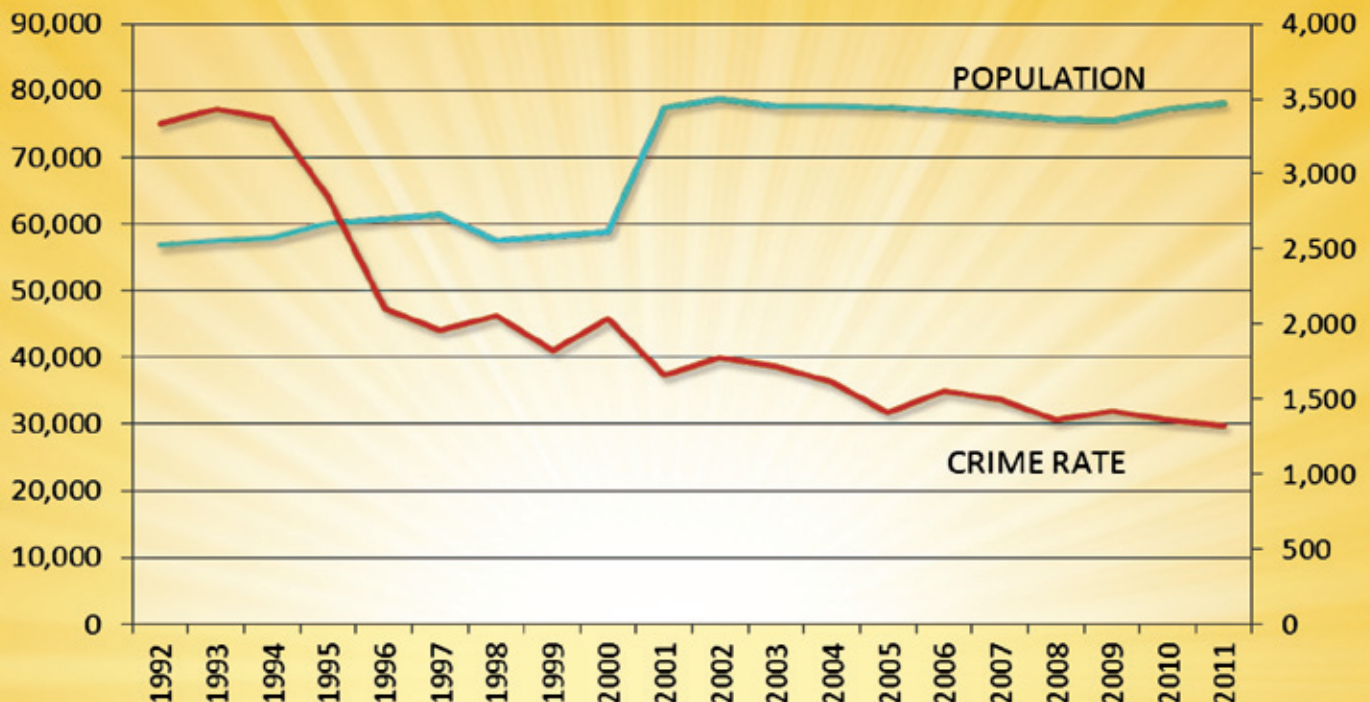
Crime statistics are an important tool used by the Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) to improve law enforcement services. OCSD uses crime data to plan, budget, and allocate resources to help address and fight crime in the City. If you're interested in monitoring crime statistics in the City, visit our newest website page devoted to Lake Forest Part I crime statistics at www.lakeforestca.gov/crimestats.

The City's partnership with OCSD and the continued support of the community has also had a tremendous impact on our overall reduction in crime rates. We are also pleased to report that this collaborative effort has resulted in a 19-year trend of decreasing Part I crime rates (more serious crimes) while the City's population has increased. Let's continue to work together and keep crime rates down!

Lake Forest is the 6th lowest ranked city in Orange County for Part I crime rates among all cities

Lake Forest is ranked the 2nd lowest in Orange County for cities with a population between 50,000 and 99,999 for Part I crimes

Population and Part I Crimes 1992-2011



This chart shows the crime trend in Lake Forest since incorporation using FBI certified Part I crime statistics.

Shop & Dine Lake Forest Week Contests

My Favorite Lake Forest Destination Art Contest

Kids 12 and under can draw, color, or paint a picture of their favorite Lake Forest restaurant, store, or location and turn in their entries at Lake Forest City Hall (25550 Commercentre Dr.). Submissions and Parental Consent Form are due by Friday, August 23 before 5 p.m. All artists will be entered into a grand prize drawing during the Shop & Dine Lake Forest Week Kick-off event on Sunday, September 8 at The Orchard Shopping Center. The winner must be present at the kick-off to claim the prize.



Discover Lake Forest Photo Competition

View a picture clue of a Lake Forest business or notable place that will be posted daily at www.shopanddinelakeforest.com. The first 12 individuals to email the right answers to economicdevelopment@lakeforestca.gov at the end of the week will win gift cards to Lake Forest destinations. Winners will be contacted via email and announced at the Taste event on Sunday, September 15 at the Foothill Ranch Towne Centre Food Festival. Winners must be present at the Taste event to claim their prize.



For more information, visit www.shopanddinelakeforest.com.



Let's Knock Graffiti Out of the City!

The City reduces graffiti by:

- Keeping an eye out for graffiti and quickly removing it.
- Growing vines and shrubs where possible on City-owned walls to deter graffiti.
- Promoting Sheriff's Department school outreach and education programs.

Steps you can take to help fight graffiti:

RECORD IT! Take a picture of the vandalism.

REPORT IT! Report the incident and damage to the City's graffiti hotline at 461-3583 or at www.asklakeforest.com.

REMOVE IT! Remove graffiti as quickly as possible. The City removes graffiti within 1-2 days. The faster graffiti is cleaned, the lower the chances it will reappear.

Parents –
If your child is caught defacing City property through graffiti, you are held equally responsible for costs associated with graffiti cleanup

Let's make a difference and help keep Lake Forest safe, clean, and beautiful!

Volunteer Spotlight! Congratulations Camille Marinelli for being the first to share your volunteer story and inspire others to volunteer. If you have a volunteer story to share, submit your articles to chon@lakeforestca.gov today!

VOLUNTEERING AT SOUTH COUNTY OUTREACH

I have been volunteering for South County Outreach since February 2012. South County Outreach is based in Lake Forest and was founded in 1989 as a non-profit, non-sectarian organization providing comprehensive emergency services to individuals and families.

I volunteer Monday mornings at the South County Outreach Computer Learning Lab. It is a very rewarding experience working with unemployed and under-employed South County residents to enhance their computer skills to better prepare them for the changing workplace. There are free classes in Windows, Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, and Powerpoint. The computer lab is 100% volunteer-run with over 20 instructors.

At times, the office is buzzing with new students, the telephone is ringing, and other administrative duties can be challenging, but the students are extremely appreciative and I love hearing about their successes in the work world. If you're looking to volunteer at South County Outreach, visit www.sco-oc.org/programs/computer.

City Paint Program

The City's Neighborhood Pride Paint Program, funded by the City's Federal Community Development Block Grant, provides free exterior paint to eligible Lake Forest homeowners. Over 100 homes have been assisted since the program was established in the late 90's. Apply today and help beautify your neighborhood by putting a fresh coat of paint on your house!



Due to funding constraints, the number of homes selected to participate will be limited. To qualify: (1) properties must be owner-occupied; (2) the home or mobile home must be in need of painting as determined by the City; (3) the existing exterior paint must be lead-free; (4) owners may not have assets in excess of \$120,000, excluding the value of the home; and (5) homeowners must qualify by not exceeding the following income limits during the past two years:

Maximum Income Limit by Household Size

1 person household	2 person household	3 person household	4 person household	5 person household
\$51,250	\$58,600	\$65,900	\$73,200	\$79,100

Homes will be tested to determine if lead-based paint is present on the exterior walls and trim prior to acceptance. If lead-based paint is found, the homeowner will be invited to apply for a housing rehabilitation loan to implement lead abatement measures and repainting. A professional paint contractor will "prep" and paint each home.

An application packet can be picked up at City Hall or by calling 461-3552 (leave your name, address, and telephone number) to have one mailed to you. Return the application to the City of Lake Forest, 25550 Commercentre Drive, Suite 100, Lake Forest, CA 92630, Attention: Sandi Medrano, no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, August 29, 2013.



Fair Housing

An impediment to fair housing opportunity is any policy or practice that denies or adversely affects the provision of housing to a person in any protected class. Examples of a protected class include minorities, elderly, and disabled persons. As a recipient of annual Federal Community Development Block Grant funds, the City of Lake Forest is committed to furthering fair housing practices in the community and cooperates with the Fair Housing Council of Orange County to eliminate discriminatory practices county-wide. Fair Housing opportunity is the law. If you or someone you know has a fair housing question or issue that needs to be addressed, please call the City's Housing Manager at 461-3471.

Village Pond Park Community Workshop

On July 20, the City hosted a hands-on, interactive community workshop to identify key issues and ideas for improving Village Pond Park. Part of the workshop discussion focused on possible options for the pond – keeping the pond, re-designing the pond to another water feature, or removing the pond entirely. The City's consultant, NUVIS, has collected the community's feedback and will be holding future workshops. If you would like to be notified of future meetings, contact Community Services at 461-3450, or Gary Magill at gmagill@lakeforestca.gov.

Help Fight Pollution

It's easy to help protect our environment and its resources. One of the simplest steps you can take is to call Public Works as soon as you see or suspect spills or discharges that may cause water pollution or other environmental impacts. With your help, Public Works can quickly respond and investigate the problem. Working together, we can protect our local creeks, lakes, and the ocean! Common pollutants to keep any eye out for include:

- Paint and paint waste water
- Concrete and grout
- Oil or grease
- Radiator fluid
- Diatomaceous earth (from pool/spa filters)
- Equipment cleaning substances
- Pet waste
- Erosion/dirt/sediment/fertilizer
- Pesticides
- Sewer overflows
- Yard or green waste

24-Hour Water Pollution Hotline (877) 89-SPILL
Remember, the Ocean Begins At Your Front Door.



For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 461-3480, or visit us on the web at www.lakeforestca.gov/waterquality

Recreation/Events Calendar

Summer 2013 (July-August)

JULY

Summer Concert Series ~ "Target Symphony in the Cities"

**Sunday
28**

5:30 p.m. – Musical Playground
7 p.m. – Symphony Performance

Pittsford Park
(21701 Pittsford Dr.)

Free admission



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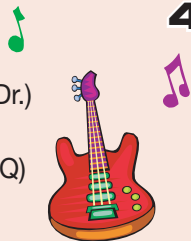
Blues & BBQ

**Sunday
4**

3 p.m.

Nature Park
(26215 Dimension Dr.)

Free admission
(nominal fee for BBQ)



Movies in the Park ~ "The Muppets"

**Friday
9**

7:30 p.m.

Rimgate Park
(29772 Rimgate Dr.)

Free admission



AUGUST

Live Music Showcase

**Friday
16**

6 p.m.

Etnies Skatepark
of Lake Forest
(20028 Lake Forest Dr.)

Fee: \$5 per person



Tenth Annual Speed Demon Race

**Saturday
17**

6 p.m.

Etnies Skatepark
of Lake Forest
(20028 Lake Forest Dr.)

Fee: \$10 per person



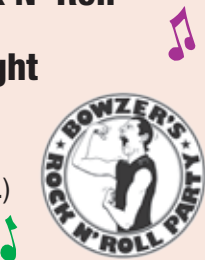
Summer Concert Series ~ Bowzer's Rock N' Roll Party with Hot August Night

**Sunday
18**

5 p.m.

Pittsford Park
(21701 Pittsford Dr.)

Free admission



Movies in the Park ~ "Pirates of the Caribbean"

**Friday
23**

7:30 p.m.
El Toro Park
(23701 Los Alisos Blvd.)

Free admission



Labor Day Weekend Skatepark Campout

**Friday-Saturday
30-31**

10 p.m.-9 a.m.

Etnies Skatepark
of Lake Forest
(20028 Lake Forest Dr.)

Fee: \$30 per person

**Fall Registration
Begins 8 a.m.!**
Tuesday, August 13
Online, Mail-In, Walk-In



For more info on any of these activities, call Community Services at 461-3450.



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Important City Telephone Numbers



OC Animal Care 249-5160
Building Division 461-3470
Building Inspection 461-3468
City Clerk 461-3420
City Council 461-3420
City Manager's Office . . . 461-3410
Community Policing Center 461-3530
Community Preservation 461-3474
Etnies Skatepark 916-5870
Graffiti Hotline 461-3583
Planning 461-3491
Public Works 461-3480
Recreation 461-3450
Economic Development 461-3567

IMPORTANT CITY WEBSITES

City
www.lakeforestca.gov

Economic Development
www.lakeforestbusiness.com

Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
www.etnieskateparkoflakeforest.com

"EXPAND THE FOREST"

The Expand the Forest program allows members of the community to dedicate trees in memory of departed loved ones or to commemorate special occasions while encouraging the expansion of our urban forest. Trees are \$70 and are planted and maintained by the City. There are several different species of approved trees which may be planted in several City parks.



For more information, please call the Public Works Department at 461-3480.

SPONSORS	TREE SPECIES	LOCATION	DEDICATION
Cearce, Willow and Lake Copeland and Kelly O'Neill	Magnolia	Borrego Overlook Park	In Memory of Gary D. Copeland
May and Steven Teoh	Sycamore	Foothill Ranch Community Park	In Loving Memory of My Son – Emmanuel Chong En Teoh
Jennie Bayer, Jennifer Nonora, Stacey Constantian, Amy Stanton	Magnolia	Rancho Serrano Park	In Honor of our much Loved Son and Brother. Mom, Amy, Stacey, Jenny
Laurie Marinovich and Becky Backer	Magnolia	Foothill Ranch Community Park	In Loving Memory of our Boy, Rocky. He will be missed by his Mama and Grandma.

OC Animal Care Explorer Program is Recruiting!

Are you between the ages of 14 and 21 and interested in an exciting career working with animals? If so, apply to join the OC Animal Care Explorer Program! Explorer Post 538 focuses on the fields of animal care and control, animal handling and training, veterinary medicine and law enforcement, just to name a few. Explorers meet twice a month at the shelter from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The first step is to complete and submit an online application which is reviewed every January and July based on the number of available positions. Explorer Post 538 is limited to 30 members. Visit www.ocpetinfo.com, or call (714) 935-6848 for more information.



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